

## Bassano the Hub of C. P. R. Construction Contracts for 1913

### Pat Burns and G. H. Gebert to Instal Cold Storage and Stock Yards

An Expenditure of \$20,000 Will be Made in Erection of Plant at Gebert's Quarter Section North, May be Nucleus of Packing Plant.

The erection of the nucleus of a large packing plant in which Pat Burns of Calgary, and G. H. Gebert of Bassano, are interested, and which will be known as the Gebert Meat Company, Ltd., at the corner, will be commenced next week on the quarter section 25 miles north of town and adjacent to the branch line where Mr. Gebert at present operates his abattoir.

About \$20,000 will be spent in the near future on cold storage buildings and iceery, which provisions will be immediately made for the construction of a spur track from the C.P.R. north-easterly branch line, which is less than a quarter of a mile from the proposed plant, and for telephone and power lines connecting with Bassano.

This is the outcome of quiet negotiations which Mr. Gebert has been conducting for several weeks, and in preparation for which he recently bought, Watsenburger's store, which will be the downtown headquarters. The deal was settled in Calgary last week, where Mr. Gebert had a final interview with the cold packing manager of the west. Mr. Burns, upon his return from the east, and concluded negotiations.

Mr. Burns himself will be interested in the plant to a large extent along with Mr. Gebert, who will have complete management and control.

The scheme will materially aid Bassano. In addition to a big sum of money being spent in the erection of the plant at this, the quiet month of the year, when the cold storage is usually erected, and the abattoir enlarged, provision will have been created for the slaughtering of fifty cattle per day, which will mean the employment of a large number of men.

That it has resulted so satisfactorily to the town is due to the energy and foresight of Mr. Gebert, who has seen the advantages which would result from the approach of more lines of railroad. He has been working on the idea of a cold storage as the beginning of larger things for some time, but found the Pacific Cold Storage company, who are putting in a plant at Gleichen, a great drawback. They

### Coal Shute Catches Fire But Is Saved

BLAZING SHACK IGNITES SHED OF \$10,000 COAL SHUTE.

In forty below weather with a limited water supply at hand, a burning shack on the south side of the railroad, fired the coal chute Saturday morning, and had for enterprise and energy of the crew of the yard engine this \$10,000 structure would have been totally ruined.

Catching fire while unoccupied through an overheated stove the shack standing on the south side of the C. P. R. track adjacent to the coal chute was seen by passing motorists about 7:30 a.m. The yard crew under Station Agent R. G. Corbett and Yardmaster Hughes poured out the flames and under desperate efforts to get them under control. While the town engine under Constable Criswell rushed to the scene, the yard engine was shuttled to the coal chute, and played on the flames from its hose. In spite of all efforts the shell of the chute caught and it was soon blazing. As soon as the yard engine hose was turned on, the employees here was put out.

The shack and contents were totally destroyed.

Desired naturally to have the wreckage there, slaughtered, and placed in storage. Mr. Gebert, however, stood out for a cold storage eight in Bassano, and having now gained this point erection will commence at once. Further details of the scheme will be given next week.

### Swift Current Cut Off Means More Than Many Imagined, Branching off at Empress for Saskatoon.

CONTRACT LET FOR LINE NORTH FROM RITLAW TO BASSANO

That the C. P. R. contemplates through lines from Bassano to Saskatoon and the Hudson Bay from Bassano to Lethbridge and from Bassano to Swift Current, is gratifying and unexpected information revealed by the brief telegraph announcements of the awarding of contracts for 1913 construction; and what is more the majority of the construction will be completed during the coming year placing Bassano irrevocably on the map as one of the most important railroad centres in Alberta.

When all lines commenced and for which contracts have been let by the C. P. R. are completed Bassano will have direct lines to Calgary and the coast, to Red Deer, the Brandon roadfields and Edmonton to Empress and Saskatoon, to Lethbridge, and the International boundary.

It has developed that the branch line upon which steel was laid so quickly last year and which terminates abruptly at Irricana, will continue to Red Deer, bringing Bassano into direct touch with Edmonton while a branch line will be connected northwest from Red Deer to the Brazier.

Last week the Lethbridge Herald quoted an engineer of high authority to the effect that a line would link Bassano and Lethbridge and the announcement of 25 miles from Ritlaw in made, while the announcements of "contracts let" for 1913, show that actual construction will begin almost at once on the 118 miles of line to Empress and a further 120 miles from Empress to Mildred. Mildred is in direct line to Saskatoon, where a straight road to Saskatoon "ties in" and this will give absolute direct connection between Bassano and Saskatoon about 350 miles away.

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### Conservatives Endorse Borden Naval Policy

Elect Officers; arrange Organization Re- built and a Borden Rally to be held Sat.

The appointment of officers for the coming year, the drafting of a strong resolution endorsing the policy of the Conservative government in general and of the Borden emergency naval policy in particular, and the making of preliminary arrangements for the holding of a large political rally in the near future, were among the chief things accomplished by the Bassano Conservatives at a meeting held Friday night in the Town Hall.

New officers elected were: Hon. President, R. B. Bennett, K.C., M.P.; Harold W. Riley, M.L.A., President; E. F. Purcell, first vice-president; H. Johnson, second vice-president; G. B. M. Pierce, third vice-president; C. L. Douglas, secretary; John S. May, treasurer; Frank H. Berry, executive; C. E. R. Murdoch, H. G. Brein, Keville, L. W. Skoop, Geo. H. Travis.

Considerable enthusiasm was displayed during the meeting, over which H. S. Johnson presided, and details of organization were under discussion.

The resolution endorsing the Conservative party's policies was moved by J. S. May, seconded by C. E. Murdoch, and supported by G. M. Pierce. Mr. May, who declared his hope to be able at some time in the near future to discuss the question of the naval policy with representatives of the other side, declared himself heartily in its favor, pointing out that after reading the memorandum of the British Admiralty carefully he was convinced there was an emergency and necessary for the contribution of Deedsnaught. He denied the criticism recently made by Mr. Buchanan in Bassano that the question of large markets was to be revived, declaring emphatically reciprocity was dead and that if the Liberals were returned to power it would never be revived.

Mr. Murdoch, who declared himself as of Liberal stock, said he from investigation was bound to believe in the Borden policy. G. M. Pierce gave an exhortation to the local Tories to get busy as there had been disloyal signs all country in Liberal ranks.

### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to sincerely thank my relatives and the many friends who were so kind to see in my recent bereavement.  
Garrett W. Green.

### Police Magistrate For Bassano

That the Government are seriously entertaining the idea of placing a police magistrate in Bassano was the news brought to town by the Edmonton delegation Wednesday.

It is stated that the matter is so near a conclusion that the selecting of the man to fill the bill is the only problem now.

With due ceremony the installation of the newly elected officers of the Bassano order of Oddfellows took place recently. The following officers were installed: district deputy grand master, Blackburn of Lethbridge; Junior Post Grand, W. Flanagan; Noble Grand, Lou Owen; Vice Grand, E. E. Mein; Recording and Financial secretary, J. W. Torgler; Treasurer, H. B. Johnson; Warden, W. Murchison; Conductor, E. C. Harris; and W. A. Chase, Chaplain.

### FIRE ALMOST WRECKS J. C. LEE'S BAKERY

Only United Efforts on the Part of Active Citizens Saved Structure From Total Ruin

Only energy of citizens saved the bakery of J. C. Lee from being totally destroyed Saturday last when fire broke out through parting of stove pipes in the partition.

Mr. Lee, who was busy with the day's baking noticed the flames issuing from the partition as soon, apparently as they caught fire. All the water on hand was contained in one bucket and this he poured on to the flames but ineffectually. He sent in a telephone call for outside assistance and soon a score of willing workers were on the scene. A bucket brigade had formed and this worked so well that in a short while the blaze was extinguished. About \$250 of damage was done.

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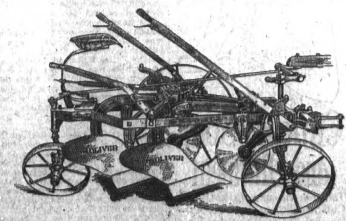
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## C.P.R. Construction

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The grade is already laid between Swift Current and Regina with forty five miles left to be laid and in operation and the new road through Regina to Swift Current known as the "red-out" because it is the new and shortest route between the two cities.

The development that contained the last-mentioned road.

Winnipeg, Jan. 12.—The C. P. R. is set on following contracts today—  
James Paul, Hooper and Hughes, of Calgary and Spokane, 275 miles of branch line, as follows: Milled-Burns, 120 miles; Eugene-Burns, 115 miles; Kesteven, 60 miles; Oxbow, 60 miles; Oxbow to Milled-Burns, 24 miles; double track; Chapin-James, 40 miles.

Geo. W. Selby, of Calgary, 20 miles; north, 20 miles; south, 20 miles; north, 20 miles; south, 20 miles.

Ed. Peterson, Oxbow to Weyburn, west, 120 miles.

Vol. W. Selby and Stewart, double track, Oxbow to Milled-Burns, 40 miles.

Milled-Burns to Frank Milled-Burns to be on the Milled-Burns about 40 miles from each of Bassano, so that the ultimate destination of the line cannot be questioned.

The new section of the real estate market in town and best dealers looking for buyers discovered that Main street central business property was almost hidden from the market.

Enquiries are beginning to pour in from the outside and it is evident that Bassano is just on the point of experiencing great development and activity.

The latest announcements mean that Bassano will have important flow of the C. P. R. and all links Bassano with their most important centres in the west.

## Costello Appeal Wins Out

John Costello, who was given six months' sentence by Dr. J. W. Hager for conducting gambling under circumstances described in the News at the time, was released by Judge Carpenter, sitting in the District court at Bassano Monday. Judge Carpenter agreed with the contention of J. S. Maier for Costello that the evidence was insufficient to convict Costello of the offence with which he was charged.

The annual meeting of the Protyger lodge district Tuesday revealed a satisfactory condition in the affairs of that chapter. Only 520 of the original old debt wildlife with the only indebtedness in 1916 the recent improvements. All the various branches of the church were thanked for their co-operation in planning the building one good financial basis. The Board of Managers appointed was W. A. W. House, chairman; J. W. Tregelown, secretary, and Messrs. Boyd, Hargy, Hardy and Kerritt.

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